1.   A method of playing a card game among a number of players, one of said players being a

dealer, said method including the steps of:

a.   determining the point values of playing cards with the values being, Ace = 1 or

11, King = ½, Queen = ½, Jack = ½, and the point value of all other cards being equal to their

5   rank;

b.   designating a first column and a second column for each player;

c.   said dealer dealing a card to said first column and to said second column of each

of said players including said dealer,

d.   repeating step c. until there are three cards in each of said player's first and

10   second columns;

e.   calculating a spread between each player's first column and second column by

totaling said point value of the cards in each column and subtracting the lowest total from the

highest total to arrive at a difference that is the spread between a player's columns;

f.   determining the winning hand by comparing each player's spread with the player

15   with the lowest spread having the winning hand, provided that players with equal spreads are

tied.

2.   The method of claim 1 wherein prior to dealing cards each player places an ante bet to

form a pot and the player with the lowest spread wins the pot, provided that players with equal

low spreads are tied and the pot is equally distributed between said players with equal low

spreads.

3.   The method of claim 2 wherein after a first card has been dealt to each player's first column and second column, a player may place an additional bet and each player desiring to continue on in the game must match or raise the player's bet.

4.   The method of claim 1 wherein an optional poker game is also played utilizing the cards of a players first column and second column to make a poker hand and the winning hand being determined in accordance with conventional poker hand rank

5.   The method of claim 4 wherein said player with the winning poker hand shares the pot in pre-determined shares with said player with said low spread hand.

6.   The method of claim 1 wherein an optional double three card poker game is also played utilizing the three cards of said players first column and the three cards of said players second column, the cards in each column comprising a poker hand, winning hands being determined in accordance with conventional three card poker rank.

7.   The method of claim 1 wherein all players play against said dealer.

8.   The method of claim 7 wherein said dealer's spread must be at or below a predetermined value and when said dealer's spread exceeds the predetermined number each of said players remaining in the game are paid an amount equal to their ante bet and all bets made on the outcome of the comparison of said players' spread to said dealer's spread are returned.

9.   The method of claim 6 wherein the designation of dealer passes at the conclusion of each round of said game to the player on said dealer's left, provided, however, the player on the dealer's left may pass to the player on that player's left, passing of the deal may continue until a player accepts the designation of dealer.

10.   The method of claim 7 wherein only one player is designated as the dealer for all rounds of said game.

11.   The method of claim 7 wherein said dealer wins all ties of the spread.

12.   The method of claim 2 wherein prior to the cards being dealt a player may make additional bets relating to the suit and rank of cards in each said player's first and second columns.

13.   The method of claim 2 wherein prior to the cards being dealt a player may make a progressive bet into a progressive betting pool that is paid out in the event of a predetermined arrangement of cards being dealt into either said first and second card position column.

14.   The method of claim 2 wherein prior to the cards being dealt a player may make a progressive bet into a progressive betting pool that is paid out in the event of a predetermined arrangement of cards being dealt into both said first and second card position column.

15.   A method for playing a wagering casino type card game involving a casino dealer and a number of players, said game based on a point value spread between two columns of cards, each of said cards having an assigned point value based on the rank of said cards, said game comprising the steps of:

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    a. providing a first and a second column for each player and said casino dealer;

    b. each player placing an ante bet prior to beginning a deal;

    c. dealing a card face-up to said first column and to said second column of each of said players and to said casino dealer's two columns;

    e. providing each player an opportunity to place an additional wager, any player failing

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       to place said additional wager forfeits that player's ante bet;

    f. repeating step c. until there are three cards each of said player's first column and second column and in said casino dealer's first and second columns;

    g. qualifying said casino dealer by totaling the point value of the cards in each of said casino dealer's columns and subtracting the lowest total from the highest total to

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      arrive at a difference that is the spread between said dealer's columns, said spread being equal to or below a predetermined number for said dealer to qualify,

    h. paying each of said players remaining in the game an amount equal to the ante bet and returning all other bets of said players remaining in the game in the event said dealer fails to qualify;

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i. evaluating the hand of each player remaining in the game by determining the total point value of the cards in each said first and second column and subtracting the lowest total from the highest total to arrive at a difference that is the spread between a player's columns in the event said dealer qualifies;

j. determining a winning hand by comparing the player's spread against the dealer's spread, the lowest spread wins; and

k. paying and collecting bets depending on whether said dealer qualifies and said player's spread is higher or lower than said dealer's spread.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein a player remaining in the game with a spread of zero is an automatic winner except where said dealer also has a spread of zero whereupon the game is a push and said player's bets relating to said spread are returned.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein said first and said second columns of said players are given a color designation.

18. The method of claim 15 wherein said player's first column is designated black and said second column is designated red.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein said player may make an parlay wager that all cards dealt to said first and said second columns will be of a suit that matches the color designation of one of said first and second columns.

20.   The method of claim 18 wherein said player may make a wager that all cards dealt to one of said black column and red column will be of a suit that matches the color designation of the column to which said cards have been dealt.

21.   The method of claim 18 wherein said player may make a wager that the cards dealt to said columns will be of a defined face value.

22.   The method of claim 18 wherein said player may make a wager that the cards dealt to one of said columns will be of a defined face value and color that matches the color designation of the column to which said cards have been dealt

23.   The method of claim 18 wherein said player may make a wager that the cards dealt to one of said columns will be dealt in a particular sequence of rank.

24.   The method of claim 18 wherein said player may make a wager that the cards dealt to one of said columns will be dealt in a particular sequence of rank and color that matches the color designation of the column to which said cards have been dealt.

25.   The method of claim 15 wherein after a first card has been dealt to each player's first column and second column, each player must place an additional wager in order to remain in the game.

26.   The method of claim 18 wherein said player may make an progressive wager that all cards dealt to said first and said second columns will be of a suit that matches the color designation of one of said first and second columns.

27.   The method of claim 18 wherein said player may make a progressive wager that all cards dealt to one of said black column and red column will be of a suit that matches the color designation of the column to which said cards have been dealt.

28.   The method of claim 18 wherein said player may make a progressive wager that the cards dealt to said columns will be of a defined face value.

29.   The method of claim 18 wherein said player may make a progressive wager that the cards dealt to one of said columns will be of a defined face value and color that matches the color designation of the column to which said cards have been dealt

30.   The method of claim 18 wherein said player may make a progressive wager that the cards dealt to one of said columns will be dealt in a particular sequence of rank.

31.   The method of claim 18 wherein said player may make a progressive wager that the cards dealt to one of said columns will be dealt in a particular sequence of rank and color that matches the color designation of the column to which said cards have been dealt.